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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR CARTER INVITED TO ROMANIA

1. AMBASSADOR PETRACHI TROFIN, ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO LIBERIA, HAS HAND-DELIVERED TO ME FROM THE ROMANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AN INVITATION TO VISIT ROMANIA AND TO DELIVER TWO LECTURES "FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSIONS BEFORE AN AUDIENCE DRAWN FROM THE BUCHAREST MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION, AND A SECOND LECTURE AT A BRANCH, WHICH IS A UNIVERSITY CENTER AND AN HISTORIC TOWN OF ROMANIA."

2. THE LETTER OF INVITATION DESCRIBES THE AIM OF THE ASSOCIATION (ADIRI) AS "THE PROMOTION OF RESEARCH WORK IN THE FIELDS OF PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LAW, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, AND HISTORY OF DIPLOMACY." I HAVE BEEN FURTHER ADVISED THAT THE TOPIC OF THESE TWO LECTURES "WILL BE AT YOUR OPTION BUT, OF COURSE, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE SPECIFIC CHARACTER OF OUR ASSOCIATION."

3. IN EXTENDING THE INVITATION TO ME ON FRIDAY, APRIL 1,
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(THE LETTER WAS ACTUALLY DATED JANUARY 29, 1977), AMBASSADOR TROFIN EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT I WOULD ACCEPT THE INVITATION SO AS TO GET BETTER ACQUAINTED WITH THE "ACTIVITY OF SEVERAL ROMANIAN SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTES AND VISIT PLACES OF ARTISTIC AND TOURIST INTEREST." THE INVITATION IS APPARENTLY OPEN-ENDED BUT WITH A REQUEST THAT I INFORM THEM OF THE EXACT DATES OF THE VISIT AS WELL AS MY TOPIC PREFERENCES. THE

INVITATION WAS SIGNED BY NICOLAE FOTINO, "SCIENTIFIC DIRECTOR."

4. FYI: MY GUESS IS THE INVITATION HAS BEEN PROMPTED BY MY COLLEAGUE MR. A. CRISTESCU, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS SUBCOMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES, FORMERLY THE ROMANIAN DELEGATE ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION ITSELF, AND A SENIOR OFFICIAL IN THE GOR'S MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. CRISTESCU AND I, BECAUSE OF THE ALPHABETICAL LISTING OF OUR NAMES, SIT VERY CLOSE TO ONE ANOTHER DURING THE SUBCOMMISSION'S MEETINGS AND HAVE HAD LONG AND PROVOCATIVE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN GENERAL AND THIRD-WORLD DEVELOPMENTS IN PARTICULAR. HE HAS INDICATED FROM TIME TO TIME THE HOPE THAT I WOULD VISIT ROMANIA. END FYI.

5. COMMENT: I WOULD WELCOME SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY AND WOULD PROBABLY ADDRESS MYSELF TO THE HISTORY OF DIPLOMACY AS IT RELATES TO THE EMERGING NATIONS OF AFRICA AND U.S.-AFRICAN POLICY. I WOULD ALSO PROPOSE TO TIE IN THE U.S.' LONG INTEREST IN SELF-DETERMINATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS AS A PART OF THESE LECTURES. SHOULD WASHINGTON AND BUCHAREST PERCEIVE NO OBJECTIONS, I WOULD HOPE TO VISIT ROMANIA EITHER IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING THE SUBCOMMISSION'S WORKING GROUP SESSION (O/A LAST WEEK OF JULY 1977) OR AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE FULL SUBCOMMISSION MEETING (O/A SEPTEMBER 11/12).

6. WOULD WELCOME EMBASSY BUCHAREST'S COMMENTS ON THE ROMANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS IN GENERAL AND EMBASSY VIEWS AS TO WHETHER MY
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PARTICIPATION IN THE LECTURE SERIES COULD BE HELPFUL TO USG OBJECTIVES AND, OF COURSE, I SOLICIT DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL AND COMMENTS.
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